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## CHAPTER 2

### AGENCY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

This chapter of the FEIS describes the Agency Preferred Alternative. The FEIS Agency Preferred Alternative incorporates the Agency Preferred Alternative described on page 2-42 of the DEIS, combined with Newmont's Leeville Project Mitigation Plan (**Appendix A**). This Mitigation Plan also includes monitoring activities that would be performed by Newmont.

The Agency Preferred Alternative would implement all components of the Proposed Action with the following modifications:

- Implementation of **Alternative A** – Eliminate Canal Portion of Water Discharge Pipeline System;
- Implementation of **Alternative B** – Backfill Shafts;
- Implementation of **Alternative C** – Relocate Waste Rock Disposal Facility and Refractory Ore Stockpile; and
- Implementation of Newmont's Leeville Project **Mitigation Plan**.